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CAMPAIGN 2000: THE RUN FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

Editor's note: On Aug. 8th the 164-member national committee of the Reform Party USA will gather in Long Beach to decide whether or not former GOp Pat Buchanan has violated party rules and thus should be disqualified as a Reform Party presidential candidate. Here's our update, analysis & commentary...

...The fact is Republicans probably don't have too much to worry about from a Buchanan candidacy now that Texas Gov. George W. Bush has selected former DOD Sec. Dick Cheney as his VP running mate. The potential threat from pro-life conservatives to jump to Buchanan has all but faded. But because Reform Party candidate Ross Perot may have cost President George Bush the election in 1992, GOP operatives will continue to monitor the Buchanan candidacy carefully. Still, most Calpeek sources believe Buchanan's 1-2% in the current polls will be cut in half by Labor Day...

...The allegation being made by Buchanan's chief rival for the Reform Party nomination, John Hagelin, is that Buchanan may have violated RPUSA rules by submitting 500,000 illegal names to get Reform Party primary ballots. According to RPUSA rules, only 3 categories of voters can get a RPUSA ballot: 1) Reform Party members; 2) people who signed petitions to put the RPUSA or a Reform Party candidate on the ballot; and 3) registered voters from any party who individually requests a ballot. To be blunt, the RPUSA primary election rules are high schoolish at best and the system invites all kinds of shenanigans...

...And thus on July 26th, in a 7-2 vote, the RPUSA executive committee gave Hagelin's campaign the right to examine the 500,000 names Buchanan submitted. A few days later, the RPUSA executive committee, meeting in Dallas, voted 7-0 to exclude Buchanan from the Reform Party balloting in Long Beach. Buchanan's campaign denies any wrong doing...

...The Reform Party USA national convention begins on Aug. 10 and runs to Sunday, Aug. 13. But all eyes will be on the Aug. 8th meeting. The 164-member national committee can overturn the executive committee's decision with a

2/3rds vote. Where did Buchanan's list of names come from? Hagelin's campaign thinks most of Buchanan's names are past GOP supporters who may have given him funds this year or in the past. The key question: do these 500,000 names meet the criteria to get RPUSA ballots??? If not, Buchanan's campaign could end on August 8th...

...FYI: In the latest L.A. Times survey on the 2000 presidential race, Buchanan gets 2% and Hagelin, who already has won the Natural Law Party's presidential nomination, doesn't even show up. In their July 27-29 poll of 1,058 registered voters (of which 627 are likely voters), here is the way the rest of the field looks: George W. Bush(R) 44%, Al Gore(D) 39%, Ralph Nader(Green) 5% and others or undecided 10%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: A PREVIEW OF CA SENATE RACES.

Editor's note: Calpeek begins its coverage of Calif. Legislative races this week with an overview of the CA State Senate contests. Next week we'll preview the CA State Assembly elections...

...Demos currently hold a 25-15 advantage in the upper house. And this year 20 odd numbered seats are in play. Demos are cautiously optimistic about their prospects, but so are GOpers. The reason for the cautious optimism by Demos has to do with voter turnout. GOpers are very fired up right now because national polls show GOP Texas Gov. George W. Bush leading Demo VP Al Gore. The latest L.A. Times nationwide survey has Bush leading Gore by 6 points. And while Gore is ahead of Bush in Calif. and is expected to carry Calif., one Demo consultant is worried about what he calls momentum voters – those Calif. voters who are swayed by national polls. If Bush is leading in the national polls around Nov. 7th, these voters might stay home and this could hurt Calif. Demos in down-ballot races. Remember 1980 and 1994? Not all consultants subscribe to the momentum voter theory...

...Of the 20 odds numbered seats up on Nov. 7th, Calpeek sources agree that 14 races are slam dunks and there's no

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shift in party lineup among these 14. They include: Ricco Oller(R-1st); John Burton(D-3rd); Don Perata(D-9th); Byron Sher(D-11th); John Vasconcellos(D-13th); Bruce McPherson(R-15th); Pete Knight(R-17th); Tom McClintock(R-19th); Sheila Kuehl(D-23rd); Ed Vincent(D-25th); Jim Brulte(R-31st); Dick Ackerman(R-33rd); Ross Johnson(R-35th); and Jim Battin(R-37th). Oller, McClintock, Kuehl, Vincent, Ackerman and Battin all move up from the Assembly. In this slam dunk category there are 8 Republicans and 6 Demos...

...Of the remaining 6 races, our sources believe at least 4 will be very close, with 2 on our *Watch List*. The *Watch List* races are in the OPEN 23rd SD where Demo Assemblyman Jack Scott of Pasadena is rated a favorite over GOP So. Pasadena Councilman Paul Zee; and in the OPEN 29th SD where GOP Assemblyman Bob Margett is a favorite over Demo West Covina Councilman and policeman Richard Melendez. The demographics in the 29th SD (and the whole San Gabriel Valley) are shifting away from solid GOP turf, which is why sources place the 29th SD on the *watch list*...

☒ 5th SD – This is the OPEN seat is currently held by Patrick Johnston(D-Stockton), but this Stockton/Central Valley area is the one place where GOP registration is going up. Demos nominated Assemblyman Mike Machado, a hard working moderate, who faces Lodi Councilman Alan Nakamishi. This battle is a toss up...

☒ 7th SD – Here incumbent State Sen. Richard Rainey(R-Walnut Creek) is under siege from Demo Assemblyman Tom Torlakson of Martinez. Both sides will be well funded and sources expect a tight race...

☒ 27th SD – Incumbent State Sen. Betty Karnette of Long Beach will face Rancho Palos Verdes Councilwoman Marilyn Lyon. Again, our sources say both sides will be well funded. Karnette had a 21,000 vote margin over Lyon in the primary...

☒ 39th SD – Here incumbent State Sen. Dede Alpert(D-San Diego) faces a tough challenge from GOP Judge Larry Stirling, who is a former assemblymember. Although Alpert got 50.9% in the primary vs. 44.3% for Stirling, the huge consumer electricity price hikes in San Diego could hurt Alpert. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN 2000: L.A. COUNTY DA'S RACE HEATS UP.

Editor's note: It's only mid-summer, yet the warfare between incumbent L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti and Chief Dep. DA Steve Cooley is getting hotter by the week. These two *don't like each other* – a sure sign that by the time we hit October this campaign will have turned into a *Neanderthal brawl*. Here is our update & analysis...

...Four years ago, when Garcetti was under siege from Dep. DA John Lynch, the contest was hard fought, but it didn't seem as personal or nasty, but it was. The key difference: the news media is providing better covering in 2000, whereas they didn't give that much play to the DA's race in '96. Garcetti won by only 5,000 votes, despite the fact that he *outspent* Lynch 5-to-1...

...Another the big difference between then and now is that Cooley is doing *much better* than Lynch in the fundraising department and will have funds to fight back. Campaign reports from Feb. 20th to June 30th show that Cooley raised \$574,000 with \$379,000 cash on hand. Garcetti raised \$494,000 during this same period, but has a larger war chest: \$954,000. Garcetti held most of his money for the runoff, because his private polling (by Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin) showed him well under 50% in the primary and being forced into a Nov. 7th runoff. Cooley had attorney Barry Groveman to contend with and was thus forced to spend everything he had in the primary. The big question now is whether Cooley can continue fundraising at the same pace he's at now. Insider opinion is mixed...

...Back to the *Neanderthal brawl*. Right after the primary, Garcetti, who refused to debate during the primary, called upon Cooley to debate often and that's what's happened. The two have squared off nearly a half dozen times – and each time the exchanges get more personal and nasty. Why? Garcetti is on the defensive because Cooley narrowly beat him in the primary. So Garcetti is taking the fight to Cooley. Thus whenever Garcetti levels a charge against Cooley, the challenger responds in kind. It's punch/counter-punch. Tough to say who is landing the hardest hits, probably Cooley, but no knock outs as yet. The big question for Garcetti: will the still unfolding Rampart LAPD scandal be his glass jaw? It was a key issue in the primary...

...FYI: A June 17-20 poll taken for Garcetti among 500 likely voters shows Cooley at 46%, Garcetti at 31%, with 23% undecided. When "push questions" are added to the mix, the results are reversed: Garcetti 42%, Cooley 33% and 25% undecided. The Cooley campaign doesn't think much of this poll. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: TOBACCO SETTLEMENT WARS.

Editor's note: There are a two county ballot measures which will face voters on Nov. 7th dealing with how millions of dollars in tobacco settlement funds will be spent. Here's our update & analysis...

◆ **Orange Co.** - Backers of a plan to require the Board of Supes to spend 80% of its \$30 million per year in settlement funds on healthcare services has qualified for the ballot as Measure H. The sponsors call themselves *Taxpayers for Reduced Healthcare Costs*...

...The only problem is that on a 3-2 vote, the Board of Supes filed a lawsuit to *block* Measure H from being on the ballot. The lawsuit will be heard Aug. 30th. County Supes want to spend the settlement money on a jail and to pay off county debt (payback some of the bankruptcy bonds). The Supes claims the local measure violates state laws and provisions in the State Constitution which gives the Supes the authority to decide how funds are to be spent. Supporters of Measure H say that the state also gives voters the right to direct the Supes on spending...

...The YES on H side has hired consultant Richie Ross and the O.C.-based public relations firm of Waters & Faubel. Decision Research handles polling for YES on H. The legal team for YES on H is led by Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk. FYI: the 3 supes who oppose Measure H are the same three who were on the losing side in the Mar. 7th battle over El Toro airport: Chuck Smith, Cynthia Coad and Jim Silva. The two supes who support Measure H, Todd Spitzer & Tom Wilson, were on the winning side of the El Toro battle. Interesting how it all fits together...

◆ **Ventura Co.** - The situation here is somewhat different, although it's still a battle over the settlement funds. Seven private hospitals, led by Community Memorial Hospital, have qualified an initiative which would require that the county's \$260 million share (over 25 years) be given to health programs run by the 7 private hospitals. And the initiative makes no bones about the fact that none of the settlement money may go to the County's one major hospital and 6 clinics. In addition, the initiative says the settlement funds should not be used to pay county fines, balance the budget or be used for any non-healthcare programs. The coalition of 7 call their measure The Initiative to Safeguard the Tobacco Settlement Funds. This coalition has hired Goddard Clausen in Sacto to run their campaign. In some past campaigns, the Community Memorial Hospital has spent big bucks to go after the county hospital --- and with success...

...The opposition goes under the name of the Coalition Against the Hospital Initiative. The Board of Supes, the

League of Women Voters, the American Lung Assn., SEIU Local 998, LULAC, and the CA Nurses Assn. are all part of the coalition. This group has hired Neal Andrews of Horizon Management to run their campaign. Why the fight? CAHI says this is a continuation of a long-simmering war between Community Memorial and the county-run hospital, and that this initiative is an attempt to grab \$260 million. The private hospitals counter by saying use of the settlement funds must include support for private hospitals who provide services to the needy and uninsured. More info on local initiatives next week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's an update on the *Money Game* for U.S. House races in Calif. Last week Calpeek focused on our top 4 races. This week the focus is on our *Watch List*, where incumbents are favored, but challengers have to be watched carefully...

<u>☒ 23rd CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Elton Gallegly(R-Inc)	\$777,327	\$1,040,872
Michael Case(D)	\$413,100	\$ 261,204

<u>☒ 24th CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Brad Sherman(D-Inc.)	\$810,648	\$163,184
Jerry Doyle(R)	\$102,365	\$ 91,289

Note: Sherman has had a huge debt left over from previous campaigns and he has been paying it off. That's why his cash on hand is low compared to the amount raised.

<u>☒ 38th CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Steve Horn(R-Inc.)	\$278,239	\$387,858
Gerrie Schipske(D)	\$244,191	\$105,564

<u>☒ 10th CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Ellen Tauscher(D-Inc.)	\$1,116,973	\$463,646
Claude Hutchinson(R)	\$ 593,875	\$254,810

<u>☒ 20th CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Cal Dooley(D-Inc.)	\$759,225	\$659,851
Rich Rodriguez(R)	\$324,064	\$229,376

<u>☒ 22nd CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Lois Capps(D-Inc.)	\$960,107	\$765,853
Michael Stoker(R)	\$450,793	\$187,744

<u>☒ 46th CD</u>	<u>Total Raised</u>	<u>Cash On Hand</u>
Loretta Sanchez(D-Inc.)	\$1,560,074	\$1,531,880
Gloria Tuchman(R)	\$ 186,630	\$ 67,660

...FYI: In looking over the reports, it appears that San Diego businessman and former GOP U.S. Senate candidate Darrell Issa spent \$2,070,179 to win his contested GOP primary in the open 48th CD. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CAMPAIGN REFORM WARFARE.

Editor's note: Although the pro & con sides of *Prop. 34* (Campaign Reform) are in the very early stages of organizing, the fireworks have already begun. Here's a brief update and analysis...

... Opponents of Senate President John Burton's campaign reform measure filed a lawsuit Aug. 1st against Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) & AG Bill Lockyer(D) accusing them of "rigging the election system to deny voters the right to hear both sides of the issues surrounding Prop. 34." Opponents are POed about two things: in the AG's title and summary of 34 there is no mention that Prop. 34 is designed to replace/kill Prop. 208 (now in the court); and opponents have not been allowed to write the ballot arguments against Prop. 34. That honor went to members of the CA Legislature who *voted against* Burton's SB 1223, the bill which became Prop. 34. State law gives legislators first opportunity to write the ballot arguments, but opponents say it's a conflict when Burton gets to pick the persons who draft the opposing views. Aug. 14th is the deadline for resolving this dispute...

... In the meantime, opponents have begun putting together their campaign under the banner of *Californians Against Phony Reform*. Key players are the League of Women Voters, AAPR and Calif. Common Cause. Props. 208/25 co-author Tony Miller will serve as campaign coordinator. Common Cause director Jim Knox also will play a key role. HQ ☎(916)443-1792. www.votenoontoon34.org...

... While *YES on 34* supporters have yet to pick a committee name (that will happen any day), they have begun to assemble a campaign team. Lead consultant for YES on 34 will be Mike Roos, a former Demo assembly majority leader under Willie Brown who now has his own consulting business in L.A. Orange Co.-based Forde & Mollrich will handle paid media; and NCG/Porter Novelli in Sacto will handle free media & coalition building. The HQ ☎ is (916)443-3354 (NCG/Porter Novelli). Website is www.cayeson34.org or www.yeson34ca.org. YES on 34 has not decided which site to use and nothing's there just yet. But one thing is certain: the YES on 34 side will have the bucks for a educational campaign to refute charges that Burton's plan "is nothing more than a *half a loaf* when it comes to campaign reform. Supporters say 34 is both workable and enforceable and that opponents who sponsored 208 wrote a campaign reform law which was *only half baked*. Stay tuned...

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ *Preview of Coming Attractions* – We're not talking about the movies in this case – but rather the 280 protesters who were arrested at the RNC presidential convention in Philadelphia. Meek and mild compared to what could happen in L.A. when the Demos come here Aug. 14th...

■ *Gore's VP Selection* – Demo VP Al Gore will announce his running mate on Aug. 8th. Last week our list of names included George Mitchell, Joe Lieberman, John Kerry, Bob Kerrey, Bob Graham, Jim Hunt and Evan Bayh. Now add the name of freshman U.S. Sen. John Edwards of No. Carolina. Our sources are leaning toward war heroes Kerry and Kerrey...

■ *Campbell on TV* – Not a very big buy, but U.S. Rep. Tom Campbell(R) is on tv and radio with a first wave of advertising in his U.S. Senate bid against incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D). U.S. Sen. John McCain(R) is featured in one of the tv ads and on the radio spot as well. The publicity (if one can put a dollar figure to p/r) is probably worth more than the actual time buy...

■ *Davis Names Low to IC Job* – Retired CA 1st Dist. Court of Appeals Justice Harry Low has been named CA Insurance Commission by Gov. Davis. Low must be confirmed, but that should be a slam dunk given his background and qualifications. 69-year-old Low said he'll review former Comm. Chuck Quackenbush's action on the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, but wasn't about to tip his hand on what he'd actually do. He said it's an open issue...

L.A. MAYOR'S RACE: CAMPAIGN REPORTS NOW IN.

Editor's note: Campaign finance reports from five of the candidates running for L.A. Mayor in 2001 have been released. Here's a brief rundown, without spin. Contributions were collected between Jan. 1st thru June 30th...

	<u>contributions</u>	<u>cash on hand</u>
Xavier Becerra	\$587,851	\$556,185
James Hahn	\$1.07 million	\$1.46 million
Steve Soboroff	\$643,231	\$1.28 million
Antonio Villaraigosa	\$750,197	\$924,896
Joel Wachs	\$317,210	\$717,055